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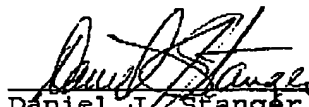
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APPARATUS THEREOF AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 6, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.